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SUBJECT: REACTION IN KENYA TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: A) STATE 211862, B) NAIROBI 9092

1. GOK HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, NOR HAVE GOK OFFICIALS COMMENTED ON INCIDENT IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS.

2. PRESS COVERAGE BY NAIROBI NEWSPAPERS HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND ACCOMPANIED BY HIGHLY PRO-AMERICAN, ANTI-NORTH KOREAN COMMENTARY. OPINION COLUMN IN STANDARD SAYS "FREE WORLD SHOULD NOT SHIRK ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FACE OF NORTH KOREA'S RENEWED THREATS." ON AUG. 27 STANDARD GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO STORY ALLEGING COVERT NORTH KOREAN SUPPORT IN 1969 TO NOW DEFUNCT POLITICAL PARTY, KENYA PEOPLES UNION. EDITORIAL IN NATION HEADED "NORTH KOREA MUST STOP BELLIGERENCY" LABELS DPRK "PUPPET REGIME OF THE SOVIET UNION," CALLS ON DPRK TO CEASE ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS AND "CONTINUOUS HARASSMENT OF SOUTH KOREA." ARTICLES BY NATION MANAGING EDITOR WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SOUTH KOREAN VISIT TERM IT

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"IMPERATIVE THAT THE US MAINTAINS ITS ROLE IN THE

KOREAN THEATER."

3. COMMENT: PANMUNJOM CRISIS COINCIDING WITH PRE-
VIOUSLY SCHEDULED VISIT BY GOK FONMIN WAIYAKI (REFTEL
B) TO SOUTH KOREA, APPEARS TO HAVE PROVIDED NAIROBI
PRESS WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ITS SUPPORT
FOR NEW GOK FRIENDLINESS TOWARD ROK.
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